



Bright Beginnings  
Early Learning Centre

# NEWSLETTER

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"KINDNESS IS A  
LANGUAGE WHICH  
THE DEAF CAN  
HEAR, AND THE  
BLIND CAN READ."

*-MARK TWAIN*

## Nga mihi nui

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## Haere mai:

Welcome Elaine and Yusuf! We look forward to learning more about you and your family.

## Haere Rā:

We sadly say our goodbye to Chris and Evie. We wish you the best for your future. You will be sorely missed!

## Cultural Kete

We have introduced Culture kete (bag) as a part of our group project "Who We Are". You are most welcome to take the culture kete home to put in items that relate to your child's cultural background and that have special meanings to your family. We will share these items with children and teachers at the Meeting Time which hopefully would enhance children's sense of identity and understanding of each other.

## A Unique Celebration of Children in BBELC Glendowie

To help our children develop a positive sense of identity of who they are and help them gain an understanding of themselves, we are inviting them to express their feelings and emotions using a variety of mediums such as a clay, photography, drawing and so on. We understand that children's sense of self-worth is shaped by their characteristics, their behaviours, their understanding of themselves, their family and others. Contributions from our parents about their aspi-

rations for their child would be highly valued. We are collating these precious moments in a form of a memento which we would be sharing with our whanau and would love revisiting it time and again with our children with pride.

## Child Protection Webinar

Our teachers have attended a webinar training of safeguarding children. By learning the best practices of recognizing and responding to any form of abuse and neglect, we aim to establish a strong, positive culture of child protection and ensure that each child has the quality learning outcome.

## NZ Music Month

May is NZ Music Month which celebrates music from NZ. We request parents to send your child's favorite songs and CDs so that we can include them into our programs.

## Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Fire Drill

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May – NZ Sign Language Week

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Pink Shirt Day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Jun – Earthquake Drill

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Jun – World Environment Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Jun – Matariki Celebration